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Claim 1. A face shield for preventing transmission of germs and the like during kissing consisting of a thin, flexible, impervious membrane mounted upon a supporting device, said device consisting of a frame portion sized to mate with said membrane and a stiff elongated handle, said handle extending laterally from said frame portion and being sized to be grasped in the hand of the user at a point spaced apart from said frame portion.

Claim 2. A face shield according to Claim 1 wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane consists of two sheets of thin, flexible, impervious material fastened together on three sides and open on a fourth side and the elongated handle includes a frame portion sized to pass through said fourth side of said thin, flexible, impervious membrane and to approximately mate with the interior seams of said three sides where said two sheets are fastened together.

Claim 3. A face shield according to Claim 2 wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane comprises a flexible bag.

Claim 4. A face shield according to Claim 1 wherein said supporting device consists of a frame portion sized to support said thin, flexible, impervious membrane and a handle portion sized so that a hand grasping said handle portion will be spaced apart from the lips of the user when the thin, flexible, impervious membrane is positioned in front of the lips of the user.

Claim 5. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane further
includes a protruding element in the central portion thereof,
said protruding element being sized to encompass the tongue
5 of the user.

Claim 6. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane is sized to
cover the lips, chin, and a portion of the cheeks of the
user.

Claim 7. A face shield according to Claim 1
including a message or design printed on at least one
surface of said thin, flexible, impervious membrane.

Claim 8. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane comprises a
flat structure.

Claim 9. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane is of a
synthetic material.

Claim 10. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane is of
latex.

Claim 11. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein said thin, flexible, impervious membrane is selected
from the class of polyethylene, vinyl, and polypropylene
materials.

Claim 12. A face shield according to claim 1
wherein said supporting device is made of wire or plastic.

Claim 13. A face shield according to Claim 1
wherein the opposite sides of said thin, flexible, impervious
membrane are different in color.

Sub cat Claim 14. A face shield for preventing transmission
of germs and the like during kissing consisting of a
supporting frame with an elongated handle projecting laterally
from said frame and a pliable membrane supported on said
frame.

Claim 15. A face shield according to Claim 14
wherein said supporting frame is sufficiently malleable to
permit it to be formed to the general contours of the face
of the user, yet sufficiently rigid to support said pliable
membrane.

Claim 16. A face shield according to Claim 14
wherein said pliable membrane consists of a thin, flexible,
impervious bag sized to easily fit over said supporting
frame.

Claim 17. A face shield according to Claim 14
wherein said pliable membrane is of a synthetic material.

Claim 18. A face shield according to Claim 14
wherein said pliable membrane is of latex.

Claim 19. A face shield according to Claim 14
wherein said pliable membrane is of polyvinyl chloride.

~~See C3~~ Claim 20. A method of preventing transmission of germs and the like during kissing consisting of interposing a thin, flexible, impervious membrane in front of the lips of the kissing person, said membrane being removably mounted upon a supporting device, said supporting device consisting of a frame portion sized to mate with said membrane and a handle portion extending laterally from said frame portion, said handle portion being sized to be grasped in the hand of the user at a point spaced apart from the lips of the user when the membrane is interposed between the kissing parties, positioning the membrane proximately to the lips or cheek of the intended recipient of the affection, and kissing said intended recipient.

Claim 21. A method according to Claim 20 wherein a separate thin, flexible membrane is removably mounted on said frame before kissing a different person.

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